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# ROUND TWO

Barack Obama wins Electoral College vote by comfortable margin



#### Mitt Romney concedes shortly before midnight, 'prays' for president's success

Mike Stanton

assistant news editor

President Barack Obama was elected to a second term as President of the United States last night, securing enough Electoral College votes to defeat Mitt Romney. News networks declared Obama the winner just after 10 p.m. Central Standard

After Romney had boasted earlier in the day that he had not prepared a concession speech, the Republican candidate was outvoted in key swing states like Pennsylvania, Ohio and New Hampshire.

Both campaigns were confident early on Tuesday, as voters throughout the nation began to line up at the polls. Polls throughout the day showed an extremely close popular vote, and key contested states came down to the wire as well. Yet just before midnight, Romney conceded to Obama.

"This is a time of many challenges for America, and I pray that the president will be successful in guiding our nation," Romney said, speaking to a crowd of supporters from his

election headquarters in Boston. Shortly after the results of the ce became clear, Obama sent a Tweet from the Chicago hotel room where he had spent a quiet evening watching election

news coverage with his family. "We're all in this together.

That's how we campaigned, and that's who we are. Thank you," he tweeted. Users retweeted the message more than 128,000 times as of early Wednesday morning, more than any tweet

President Obama led the popular vote by just half a million votes at press time, with many states' results yet to be finalized. Obama held an advantage in several key demographics, winning just under 70 percent of the Hispanic vote and beating Romney by about 12 percent among women. The president addressed the nation from Chicago soon after Romney's concession speech.

Tonight, the task of perfecting our union moves forward," he said. "We are an American family, and we rise and fall together as one nation and as one people."

The McCormick Place Conference Center in Chicago was packed to capacity with Obama's supporters, who erupted in cheers when he arrived on stage with his family.

"Our economy is improving, a war is ending, and a long, hard campaign is now over," he said. "In the coming weeks and months, I am looking forward to reaching out to both sides and moving our nation forward. We remain more than just a collection of red states and blue states. We are, and forever will be, the United States of America."

President Barack Obama was re-elected last night, winning both the popular vote and the Electoral College. Obama was declared the winner at about 10:12 p.m. Central Standard Time after major news networks like NBC News predicted Obama would win the key swing states of Ohio and Florida. Republican nominee Mitt Romney conceded shortly before midnight, saying, "This is a time of great challenges for America, and I pray that the president will be successful in guiding our nation."

## Riley County election officials aim to make process easy, secure for voters

**Austin Nichols** news editor

Jolene Keck, elections supervisor for Riley County, and a large group of election supervisors, judges and volunteers were busy yesterday helping the election process run as smoothly and quickly

"It took like five minutes," Stockman said. "It was pretty user-friendly."

Stockman also said that the process was well designed in order to making voting easy for potential

voters. One voter said the elec-



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"I Voted" stickers sit in a pile on a registration table inside the Retired Senior Volunteer Center on Tuesday, one of 33 polling places in Riley County.

as possible while ensuring that the voting process was fair for all candidates.

Manhattan resident Josh Stockman said he voted in the 2008 presidential election and was very happy with how painless the voting protronic voting system was better than having to write everything out on the ballot.

Polling places in Manhattan and Riley County were open yesterday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Keck said the polling locations were based on where people lived.

Cory Meyer, roaming election judge and network administrator for Riley County, was assigned to four different polling locations but quickly found himself at the Manhattan Public Library polling location because of how busy it was roughly an hour before the polls closed. Meyer was there for clarification on the rules and laws of the voting

process. "I'm here to answer ques-

tions," Meyer said. Meyer said he thought the turnout among voters this year was great. He added that they needed additional bodies to keep the flow going at the polling location. Meyer also noted that he had not seen any issues with voters showing their photo IDs, but did run into problems getting students and military personnel to the correct polling locations — Riley County contains 33 polling places.

The supervisor at the Riley County Senior Service Center, who wished to remain anonymous for job security purposes, said that there was a large turnout of young voters who were voting for the first time.

Each polling location consisted of two clerks who checked voters in with polling books. Manhattan High

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## **Anxious students gather in Union for** live election watch party, free food



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**Adonis Wooten-Herron**, freshman in marketing, updates the United States electoral vote map as results from the U.S. presidential election pour in Tuesday night at the UPC Election Watch Party in the K-State Student Union Courtyard.

Jakki Thompson staff writer

Students crowded near a large projector screen in the K-State Student Union Courtyard last night to watch election results roll in. As the newscasters continued to report on the votes coming in from the federal elections, students reacted in favor of both current Democratic President Barack Obama and Republican party candidate Mitt Romney.

The Election Watch Party event was sponsored by several campus groups and organizations: the Student Governing Association, the Union Programming Council, Greek Affairs, the K-State First Program, the Black Student Union and the Kappa Tau chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. It was hosted in the Union Courtyard, Forum Hall and in the food courts of the K-State Student

"I have been anxious all day about this," said Allie Robitaille,

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custody. Bond was set at \$5,000.

Michael Anthony Hoyte, of Junc-

tion City, was booked for failure to appear.

Martha Elena Aleman, of the 900 block of Bluemont Avenue, was booked for

domestic battery. Bond was set at \$500.

**Jose Garcia Ramos**, of the 900 block of Bluemont Avenue, was booked for domestic battery. Bond was set at \$500.

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#### **FOOTBALL**

# Wildcats preparing for tough road game at TCU

sports editor

The question on every K-State fan's mind this week is the health of Heisman candidate senior quarterback Collin Klein. At the press conference on Tuesday, head coach Bill Snyder would not give an update on his star quarterback and said he didn't want to put any unwarranted pressure

"Collin was more than willing to come here today and talk to you guys," said Snyder. "That is the type of person he is. However, I did not want him to be bombarded with questions. I do not want him to have to come and have all kinds of pressure on him that he does not deserve."

With Klein leaving the game early, it forced Daniel Sams to play quarterback. Luckily, he had help as Angelo Pease ran the ball effectively, a lot of the time in the wildcat formation. Pease talked on Tuesday about his performance against Oklahoma State.

"I think that because of the situation of the game and the way the offense was running, they put the offense on me to try to end the game, Pease said. "I have to give it to my offensive line. Without them, I would never have been able to do what I did at the end of the game."

The upcoming game took a backseat to all of the talk focusing on Klein's status. Yet K-State will be taking on a very dangerous TCU team this weekend that is coming off of an incredible 39-38 double-overtime victory over West Virginia. During the game, redshirt freshman quarterback Trevone Boykin threw for 254 yards and two touchdowns, including a 94-yard touchdown pass to junior wide receiver Josh Boyce that helped send the game into overtime. Snyder talked about the impressive play of the freshman quarterback.

"He is obviously someone that has a lot of talent," Snyder said. "He has a lot of zip on his throws and can make some plays with his feet. He is the type of guy — if he wasn't a good quarterback, he would be a very effective running back. He is someone our defense needs to be ready for."

One of those defensive players, senior cornerback Allen Chapman, is coming off of a career game in which he had three interceptions. He was also named Walter Camp defensive player of the week and will be a huge part of slowing down the Horned Frogs offense.

With Klein's availability unknown at this point, the defense may be called upon to step up its game in the case that he is unable to play. With their performance thus far on the season, K-State's defenders have shown they are up to the challenge. The Wildcats go into the game at 9-0 and ranked No. 2 in the BCS, trailing only Alabama.

prove which are the two best teams in the coun-Opening kickoff is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Saturday in Amon G. Carter Stadium in Fort Worth, Texas. The game will be shown on Fox with Gus

With three games left in the regular season, the

race is on for the last four undefeated teams to

Johnson and Charles Davis on the call.



Senior linebacker Jarell Childs (left) and senior defensive back Allen Chapman run up field as Chapman returns an interception for a touchdown in the first half of K-State's 44-30 victory over Oklahoma State. Champan finished the game with three interceptions.

#### **VOLLEYBALL**

### KU, K-State to clash in significant match



Jacob Dean Wilson | Collegian

12 Conference) have been a very

good team this season at home with 13 wins and no losses,

but they have struggled on the

road with a 3-5 record. They

are coming off a four-set loss in

Waco, Texas, and will be looking

On the season, KU is led by

to get back on the winning track.

redshirt junior middle blocker

Caroline Íarmoc, who is fourth in

the Big 12 in kills with 3.59 per set.

In KU's previous match against K-

State, she had 11 kills. However,

in that same match, the Jayhawks

Junior outside hitter Lilla Porubek spikes the ball against a trio of Baylor defenders during the Wildcats' 3-1 victory on Oct. 27.

sports editor

The last time these in-state volleyball rivals met, less than a month ago in Lawrence on Oct. 17, both schools were ranked for the first time in the series history before the Jayhawks were able to defeat the Wildcats (20-4, 7-4) in four sets. Once again, both teams are ranked, and if the Wildcats win, they'll be tied for second in the Big 12.

The Jayhawks (20-5, 8-3 Big

suffocated K-State's offense, finishing the match with 18 blocks. Kaitlynn Pélger.

the entire match.

K-State will look to reverse this trend, and much of the responsibility for that reversal may fall on the arm of junior middle blocker On the season, Pelger is averaging 3.77 kills per set, which

ranks her currently as second in the Big 12. In the Wildcats' previous match against KU, she had 15 kills but also 10 errors, much of which was due to the Jayhawks' strong defense.

Another problem for K-State against the Jayhawks was their inability to hit the ball over the net on the serve. The Wildcats finished with 10 serving errors and will have to improve on that to have a chance to defeat KU.

The game is themed '90s night, and slap bracelets will be given to the first 300 students to arrive. Students get in free with a student ID, and first serve is scheduled for 7 p.m. at Ahearn



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#### **NCAAF**

A longstanding rivalry that has been put on hold in recent years looks to be headed toward resumption, according to a Tuesday article by SportingNews.com.

Oklahoma and Nebraska, which have battled each other 86 times throughout the two programs' long histories, including 69 straight years from 1928-1997, haven't played each other since the Sooners beat the Cornhuskers in the 2010 Big 12 Championship game. Nebraska left the Big 12 Conference for the Big Ten the following year. The teams had to forfeit their annual match-ups 12 years earlier when the Big 8 became the Big 12 and was split into two divisions with a rotating cross-divisional schedule.

Nebraska athletic director Tom Osborne said the teams had agreed "in principle" to resume the rivalry as a home-and-home series beginning in 2021, the 50th anniversary of the 1971 meeting between the two teams dubbed "The Game of the Century," which Nebraska won 35-31.

Los Angeles Lakers Guard Steve Blake was fined \$25,000 for derogatory remarks he made to a fan late in the Lakers' 95-105 loss to the cross-town rival Clippers, according to an Associated Press article published Tuesday.
Blake, who was just 2 of 6

shooting for the game, was responding to the fan who had told him something to the effect of, "You need to knock down those open shots."

The two exchanged words,

and the NBA leveed the fine Tuesday. Blake has since apologized for his actions both public-ly and to the fan, who is a prominent season-ticket holder with close ties to the organization.

The struggling Washington Redskins and their rookie quarterback Robert Griffin III got some good news Monday after a lackluster 13-21 loss against the Carolina Panthers.

The team had doctors X-ray Griffin's ribs to see whether or not the impact of multiple hits by Carolina defenders might have injured him, according to NFL.com Monday. The results showed sore ribs but no breaks, and Griffin should be near full strength when the team hosts the Eagles in week 11. The Redskins have a bye this week.



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# 'Cloud Atlas' gripping, inspired, open to interpretation

"Cloud Atlas" \*\*\*\*

Movie review by Sid Arguello

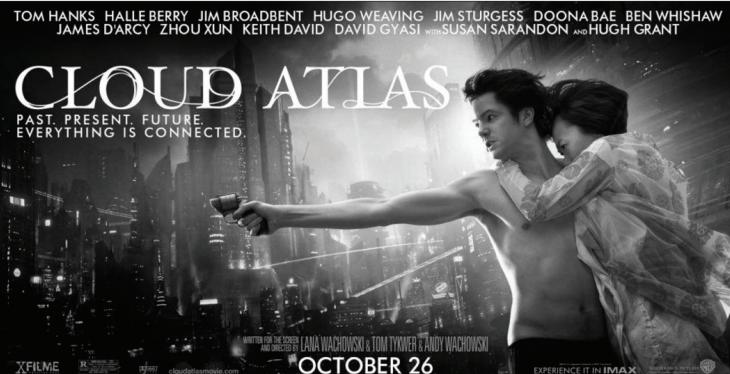
"Cloud Atlas," a film based on the book of the same name by David Mitchell, was a powerful and gripping surprise. It was like nothing I have ever seen before, and I think it will divide viewers between those who absolutely love it and those who downright hate it. When it comes to this film, there is no middle ground.

Six different storylines intertwine in "Cloud Atlas." Directors Lana and Andy Wachowski of "The Matrix" trilogy fame and Tom Tykwer (known for the internationally acclaimed German film "Run Lola Run") approached "Cloud Atlas" from many angles, and it can be interpreted by viewers as both political and biblical.

This style, however, can be somewhat confusing for the audience. The six storylines are not only vastly different, but they are set at different points in history, and scenes jump from one to the next without warning. Only towards the climax of the film do all the storylines begin to merge and demonstrate the film's purpose in detail.

Although the film can be viewed as politically or biblically driven, depending on the viewer, the stories work to explain how actions have ripple effects from the past to to the present and into the future. It shows how it is possible for a fallen soul to change his or her ways and become a hero and also how a small act of kindness and sacrifice can prevail throughout the course of history.

This epic film, which stars Tom



Hanks, Halle Berry, Jim Broadbent and a number of other great actors, uses all six storylines to capture the audience. Chances are that from one of the six stories, each viewer can find one more intriguing reason to like or hate parts of the film.

A glimpse of the film's more comical side was offered when 65-year-old Timothy Cavendish (Broadbent) plots to escape his nursing home after his brother commits him there for trying to borrow money. Cavendish finds himself in a conundrum after one

of his imprisoned clients, gangster Dermot Hoggins (Hanks), sends a team of thugs to extort money from him. Cavendish agrees to pay in order to save his life but soon finds that he doesn't have the money. Cavendish asks his brother for a loan, is tricked into being put into a nursing home, and craziness ensues. The scene was a mix between the Bruce Willis film "Red" and an episode of "America's Funni-

A storyline that many might consider politically driven was set in

the future, during the 22nd century. The viewer is given a vision of what happens when corporations not only run the world, but people and clones. This storyline contained one of the most nail-biting scenes of the film and one of the most inspired scenes in cinema history, in my opinion.

I give "Cloud Atlas" 4.5 out of 5 stars. Even though this film has received some negative reviews from critics, I believe that in the long run it will be considered one of the greatest films ever made. It

is unique in every way and is sure to stir controversial conversation among those who have or will seen it. After the film, in the theater I attended, the audience gave a standing ovation to the screen. That alone tells you something. Judge for yourself and watch this film, but watch with an open mind and keep room for possibilities.

Sid Arguello is a senior in psychology and sociology. Please send comments to edge@ kstatecollegian.com.

## Book has power to heal, change lives: 'there is a way to complete healing'

"God Loves Ugly"

\*\*\*\* Book review by Cara Hillstock

It was the end of a difficult time for me, and although the circumstances had passed and the problems were over, I was still hurting. Things the people I love said or did would trigger me to react in irrational, senseless ways, and I would resent them and hate myself in response. A simple word would trigger a thought process that sent me spiraling into a deep well of guilt and worthlessness. Worst of all, I didn't know why it was happening or how to stop it. Then I read "God Loves Ugly,"

and it changed my life.

Christa Black's book is healing, and although my situation is very different from hers, our problems were very much the same. Black's story starts when she was molested as a young girl, leaving a pain she carried with her throughout her life without realizing its cause. After becoming addicted to success, perfection, approval, drugs, alcohol and food, she was accepted to college and realized her irresponsible behavior had to stop. When she ended her dependence on drugs and alcohol, her addiction to food grew and developed into an eating disorder.

"I was living a life that had been haunted by the past," Black said in a phone interview. "Still living under the power of things that had happened to me."

She hit rock bottom when she called her father and told him that she didn't even have the guts to kill herself. Within weeks she was being treated at a treatment center for eating disorders.

There, Black became empowered by learning the cause of her addiction. However, she was also told that she would be dealing with this issue for the rest of her life, an idea she could not agree with.

One thing I want to get across in my book, and I'm sure there's treatment facilities that teach this - that there is a way to complete healing," Black said.

The book is not just her story, however. It is a guide that shows how Black completely overcame her past and her addiction and potentially how others can do so as well. She lays out the steps that helped her in order to help readers overcome their own traumas.

"A lot of times, people work overtime to bury the past," she said. "Sometimes just acknowledging, 'Hey, I hate myself and there's a reason why. It's because this thing happened' — turning around and facing it and saying, 'You don't own me anymore.' It loses a lot of

In the middle of the book, Black discusses how her relationship with God helped her overcome her addiction. While she understands many readers' hesitance towards the subject of God, she only asks

them to do one thing.
"Test Him on it. Just ask Him to show up," Black said. "'God, if you're really there, then show me." She asks the reader to give it a

try and see what happens. The rest is their own choice. Although Black was raised a preacher's daughter, she believes that God and religion are two

separate things. 'I'm not a fan of religion," she said. "It's the love of a law as opposed to the law of love. We

say you can only encounter God through church, but I think he's so much bigger and so much greater

It was God who gave Black the unconditional love she needed in order to begin loving herself.

"It's very difficult to say, 'I'm going to love myself today' unless you've received it from a different source," Black explained. "You can't just turn around after hating yourself forever and say, 'I'm going

to love myself today."

The one point I'd make about the book is that if someone is not religious, the steps involving God are harder to follow. However, since the book is about Black's healing journey — a journey that involves God — it makes sense and doesn't detract from the book's

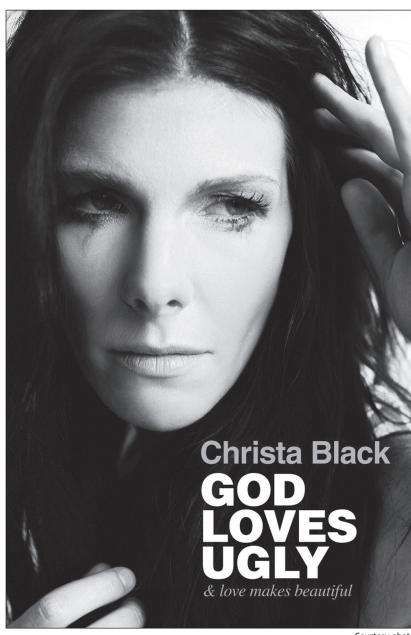
In a way, Black's story parallels the story of anyone who has gone through a major life crisis — a divorce, a death, molestation – anything that can really hurt you. You might get depressed or get angry at things that don't make sense. You might start to hate yourself, yet you don't understand why or how it's all happening. You just know that something is very

Black gives you her story and uses it as a model to help you write your own. While this book might not be for everybody, it has the power to help people who have been hurt in the past.

I can't express how grateful I am for getting to read this book. I'm not kidding when I say that it changed my life. I'm actually happy now, and I have this book to thank for it. For that reason, "God Loves Ugly" receives 5 out of 5 stars. It can help people, and it deserves to be read.

As Black herself said, "It's the story of being loved into whole-

Cara Hillstock is a sophomore in English and theater. Please send comments to edge@ kstatecollegian.com.



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## RZA's 'Man with the Iron Fists' is goofy, gory, fun homage

"Man with the Iron Fists"

**★★★**☆ Movie review by Chris Harrison

Long-time fans of the Wu-Tang Clan rap collective know that the group's music and style are heavily influenced by their frequent trips to see martial arts B-movies at grindhouse theaters during their adolescence. RZA, the group's de facto leader and primary producer, has crafted countless instrumentals for Wu-Tang members' albums with vocal and instrumental samples from poorly dubbed kung fu flicks: something that has always been a key component of the legendary rap crew's signature sound. So it's no surprise that after years of working on movie scores and playing various bit roles, when RZA finally got the chance to create his own film, it would be a homage to the kung fu movies he loved growing up.

RZA's directorial debut isn't a good film in the traditional sense, as there are often jarring transitions between scenes, characters who undergo very little development and a convoluted, hard-to-follow story. To say the dialog is cheesy would be an understatement. It's positively dripping with cheese, but the movie's saving grace is that it doesn't take itself too seriously and doesn't expect you to either.

Byron Mann, playing the evil Silver Lion, dives fully into his character's silliness and is a joy to watch on screen. Russell Crowe gives a delightfully twisted performance of the aptly named Jack Knife, an Englishman who wields a gun-knife in battle. The story is obviously not the main

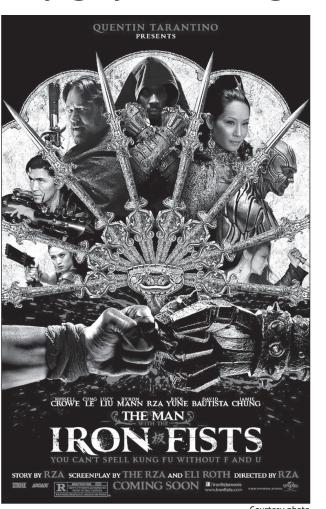
draw, but some of the performances are colorful enough to make scenes work,

The movie's strength lies in its visuals, particularly in combat. It's here that the audience can see RZA's passion for the genre. The film is beautifully shot and every set is meticulously detailed. The vibrant images create a unique atmosphere and bring the environments to life on screen. The fighting is ridiculously over-the-top, sometimes hilariously so. It can be hard not to let out a chuckle when limbs fly about in impossible ways, leaving the scene soaked in blood. The combat, which nears "Mortal Kombat" levels of violence and "Kill Bill" levels of gore, is well-choreographed and contains some very impressive action. One scene, in which the Geminis team up to take on the rival Lion Clan, is pure insanity, as the high-flying action maintains its frantic pace throughout the fight.

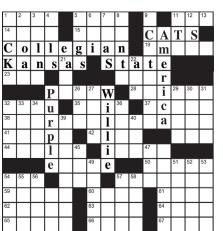
The movie's score draws from RZA's experience working on the "Kill Bill" films and the "Afro Samurai" anime TV series. It's an eclectic mix of hip-hop, Asian music and more typical movie fare - a combination that works surprisingly well and successfully adds to the atmosphere.

"The Man With the Iron Fists" is far from an award-winning film, with its bad writing and overall goofiness, but it's tremendously fun at times. In a way, its goofiness is sort of endearing and adds to the enjoyment. I recommend it for moviegoers looking for 90 minutes of mindless fun. I give it 3.5 out of 5 stars.

Chris Harrison is a senior in marketing. Please send comments to edge@ kstatecollegian.com.



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### WATCH | Student: 'I want to know what is happening'

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junior in elementary education. "I have never really been into politics, but I have been anxious and tense and scared over what is going to happen with this election."

Robitaille also said she was curious to see how the student population would react to the results. She made guesses about how students most likely voted based on their re-

Students cycled in and out of Forum Hall throughout the event. Cooper Crooks, freshman in open option, said he was required to come out for at least part of the watch party for his K-State First freshman seminar.

"I'm not too big into politics," Crooks said, "but I didn't mind coming out to the event because I want to know what is happening in our country and who will be our new elected President of the

Students were able to move freely among all of the venues in which the election results were being shown. Students who attended the event also received free hot dogs from Alpha Phi Alpha.

Students had the opportunity to cast early votes before the actual election day. Many students sent in absentee ballots or just chose to vote earlier. Last night, students were able to see how their votes unfolded on live broadcasts to the entire nation. Ashley Brewer, senior in graphic design, said she has never been this nervous about an election.

"It is so close — we don't know what will happen," Brewer said. "Seems unusual that the election has been this close. It seems that the night before the election people know who was most likely going to win. With this one, we just don't know. It is just so close."

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machines," Meyer said. The provisional ballots

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were for people who were not in the polling book or did not have the correct address in the book. Meyer said that in a lot of these situations, people may have moved recently, so their address in the polling book isn't correct. In this case voters must fill out a paper provisional

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machine. Meyer added that officials went through the checking process every hour throughout the day to catch any minor problems that might have come up.

After all the votes were tallied, Meyer explained that they secured the information in a lock box before transporting it to the courthouse.

Keck said when the ballots reach the courthouse, officials run all sorts of reports and go through the tallying process again to make sure all the numbers match up. Keck said that it was impossible for someone to vote twice.

The results are posted on the Riley County website and updated periodically throughout the night until all the votes are in. Keck said the Kansas State Board of Canvassers will gather to certify the election results on Nov. 15.



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# 4 tips to thrifty gift-giving this winter holiday season

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With the winter holidays just around the corner, most people look forward to the cheer and joy that the season brings. One thing that many also worry about, however, is the hit that their wallets will take after doing all of their gift shopping.

There are numerous campus resources K-Staters can utilize to makes sure that they stay within their holiday budgets.

One such resource is Powercat Financial Counseling, a student organization that provides free financial advising and student loan repayment planning assistance. They will be holding an event next Tuesday at 7 p.m. in K-State Student Union Room 226 called "Thrifty Gifting," in an effort to give students ideas on how to keep the

season affordable. Regardless of where you go for your holiday budget ideas, here are four suggestions students should consider while shopping for the holidays:

#### Don't wait until the last minute to buy gifts

This is where a lot of people get burned every year. Procrastination will prove to be your worst enemy during any holiday season, not only because you will end up wasting hours of your time, but also because you will generally end paying much more for your gifts.

Think of it logically; when people who wait until the last minute really need gifts, they are desperate. They will, generally speaking, pay any sum of money to get that gift bought and wrapped in time for their loved ones.

Businesses can jump all over that sudden spike in demand and raise their prices. So do yourself a favor and make those holiday purchases before your gifts become the hottest (and most expensive) items on the market.

#### Remember, meaningful gifts don't have to be expensive

Some of the best gifts that I have gotten from people in my life have been relatively inexpensive. Even though the phrase, "It's the

thought that counts," seems like a cliche, it is often true. Breaking the bank for the cool-

est new gadget may not always be the best route when it comes to gifts. This is the season for joy, a time when we should be treasuring our relationships - the misery of debt and economic woes shouldn't taint your holiday experience.

True loved ones generally won't expect you to break your bank to buy them something lavish; focus on the meaning behind the gift rather than the number of zeroes and the end of the price tag.

#### Consider giving hand-3 Consider 5.

Homemade gifts can sometimes be a good option during the holidays as well.

One of the built-in costs of pretty much any retail item is labor. However, if you could purchase the materials to make the gifts yourself, you'd eliminate much of the cost involved in simply buying the product from a store.

If you have the skills to make something of your own, it may be worth your time if it means saving quite a bit of your money.

4 Use online shopping platforms, which are generally cheaper

I still, for the life of me, don't understand why retail stores are packed to the brim during the holidays. The smarter thing to do is

to look for gifts online. Using platforms like eBay, Amazon and Groupon, consumers can get incredible discounts on products that are otherwise sold at

a huge markup in stores. All of these strategies require planning ahead. Give yourself a budget, a date by which you want to have the money gathered and also a short list of resources that will help you stick to your budget

Good luck and happy shopping!

Andy Rao is a junior in finance and accounting. Please send comments to news@kstatecollegian.com.

## Business beat: Swiss banker admits to US tax fraud, HP stock at record low

**Darrington Clark** managing editor

Foreign investors hinge trad-

ing on presidential elections The possibility of a change in the U.S. economy due to a new president dictated the global stock market Tuesday, according to a Tuesday USA Today article.

Globally, stocks higher than expected and foreign investors counted on an Obama win to secure the current U.S. economic status. Japan was among the first to begin trading Tuesday, but some areas, such as Hong Kong, have yet to open to investors.

National and global investors will find more comfort trading with and for America when the economy is more stable, preferably under familiar leadership, according to the article.

**Hurricane Sandy drives** black market gas sales in

Miles-long lines for gas at gas stations have prompted some New Yorkers to buy and sell gas on Craigslist.

A Monday CNN article reported gas reaching \$15 to \$30 per gallon when sold online. Superstorm Sandy's devastation left many gas stations inaccessible and without power, leading to black market gas being sold on Craigslist.

Price gouging is illegal in New York and New Jersey, where the practice is also taking place, and police in both states are working to end the underground activity.

Former Swiss Banker admits to U.S. tax evasion conspiracy

Ex-banker Christos Bagios admitted Tuesday to helping hide millions of American dollars from tax authorities.

According to an article published Tuesday in the New York Times, Bagios pled guilty to allegations of tax evasion and was sentenced to 37 days in prison and nearly 19 months under house arrest.

Bagios initially pleaded not guilty last month but arranged

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for a change of plea. Bagios originally faced a fine of \$250,000 and up to five years in prison.

The ruling may indicate a coming increase in pressure on Swiss banks to operate with less

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Current CEO Meg Whitman said the company will not see meaningful growth until 2015 and cites multiple CEO changes, lack of investments and outdated products as reasons for the company's falter.

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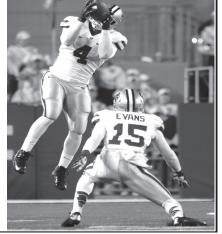
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